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THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN

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draft resolution

1995/... Implementation of the human rights of women and the girl child

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Recalling its resolutions 1992/4 of 14 August 1992 and 1994/43 of 26 August 1994,

Recalling also the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, which states that the human rights of women and of the girl child are an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of universal human rights and that the human rights of women should form an integral part of the United Nations human rights activities (A/CONF.157/23, para. I.18),

Recalling further the Programme of Action adopted by consensus at the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 5-13 September 1994), in which the rights of women received strong support and clarification, being understood as an essential element in all policies concerned with health and population programmes,

Welcoming Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1993/46 of 8 March 1993, 1994/45 of 4 March 1994 and 1995/86 of 8 March 1995 regarding the integration of the equal status of women and the human rights of women into the mainstream of United Nations system-wide activity,

Welcoming also the excellent preliminary report by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on violence against women, its causes and its consequences, Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, (E/CN.4/1995/42), the appointment of a focal point for the human rights of women within the Centre for Human Rights, as well as the working paper prepared by Ms. Linda Chavez on systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during wartime including internal armed conflict (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/38) and the preliminary report of the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission, Ms. Halima Embarek Warzazi, on harmful traditional practices affecting the health of women and children (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/6),

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the integration of the human rights of women and the girl child into the activities of the United Nations system (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/22),

Aware of the necessity of achieving the full realization of all the human rights of women,

1. Decides to consider the human rights of women and the girl child under every item of its agenda, as well as in all relevant studies undertaken by the Sub-Commission;

2. Requests that all reports submitted at its forty-eighth session contain a gender perspective in their analyses and recommendations;

3. Appeals to all Governments that have not yet done so to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to obtain the views of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Commission on the Status

of Women on the question whether it would be desirable to have an advisory opinion on the value and legal effect of reservations concerning the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and to invite those bodies to formulate, in their replies, any other observations on the question of reservations to that Convention they consider appropriate;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that United Nations human rights and humanitarian relief personnel recognize and deal with the human rights violations particular to women and carry out their work without gender bias;

6. Welcomes the attention paid to the rights of women in the Programme of Action adopted at the Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 5-13 September 1994);

7. Urges all Governments not to propose nor to allow any recommendations which in any way constitute a retreat from the achievements of the World Conference on Human Rights and the International Conference on Population and Development and which might negatively affect any human rights of women as recognized by those Conferences;

8. Looks forward to the reinforcement and further development of the integration of the human rights of women into the mainstream of United Nations system-wide activity by the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to establish and reinforce mechanisms in the Centre for Human Rights in order to implement the recommendations and decisions taken at the Fourth World Conference on Women;

10. Decides to give its full attention to the follow-up to the recommendations of the Fourth World Conference on Women;

11. Also decides to consider these issues at its forty-eighth session under the same agenda item.